(e) and (f) During the current year (April-December '99 till date), one established case of overcharging was detected with and LPG distributor of IOC in Delhi. The concerned distributor was issued a letter of warning.

Tripura project of ONGC

2425. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) targets of achievement the Tripura project of the ONGC set for itself during the Ninth Five Year Plan in relation to reserve accretion, drilling of additional Wells, and seismic survey;

(b) targets covered during the last three years;

(c) if so, the locations selected and the progress of works in those locations; and

(d) follow up action taken at the sites where the drilling target of 4000 metres has already been achieved and remedial steps taken on sites where the progress of work has not be satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has targeted the following for its Tripura project during the period 1997—2002:

(i) Accretion of initially in-place volume of hydrocarbon	:	15 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM)
(ii) Drilling of exploratory wells	:	22
(iii) 2D seismic data acquisition	:	1010 Ground Line Kilometres (GLK)

ONGC has completed drilling of seven exploratory wells during the period 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (April—September 1999) at two locations in Agartala Dome, three locations at Rokhia and one location each at Rajnagar and Baramura. ONGC has also acquired 329 GLK of 2D seismic data during the same period. The 2D seismic

data has been acquired in Rajnagar and South of Tichna, Rokhia-Bisalgarh-Agartala Dome and Bamutia areas. During the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, ONGC has accreted 2.29 BCM of initially in-place hydrocarbon (gas) reserves in Tripura.

(d) (1) Agartala Dome-20: The well was targeted for drilling upto the depth of 4000 metres (mtrs). This well was successfully drilled upto 4001.5 mtrs. and all the required geological data/ objectives were achieved. However, during production testing, the well was abandoned as it was not economical to carry on further operations due to down hole complications.

(2) Rajnagar-1: The well had a target depth of 4000 mtrs., or 200 mtrs. within transition pressure zone. It was drilled to a depth of 3410 mtrs. *i.e.* about 400 mtrs. into the transition pressure zone. Five objects were tested. Only minor gas indications were observed. The well was abandoned. The geological objective was achieved.

Economic study on retail and highway outlets

2426. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted the economic study of jubilee retail outlets, Highway outlets before finalising the scheme for installations of such retail outlets and the facilities to be provided on these retail outlets;

(b) if so, who is the authority/agency responsible for conducting the said study and the details of this report; and

(c) if not, whether Government would conduct the economic study of these retail outlets before investing further on such retail outlets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) To commemorate the 50 years of Independence, Government had launched a "Jubilee Retail Outlets Scheme" for the convenience of the motoring public on important National and State Highways. The Scheme provides facilities such as